

IDAHO MORTICIAN BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Regular meeting
January 15-16, 2002

ROLL CALL: Steve Gordon, Chairman
Laine Eckersell
Jeffrey Blackmer

ALSO PRESENT: Budd Hetrick, Deputy Bureau Chief
John Kersey, Chief Investigator
Roger Hales, Administrative Attorney
Janice Wiedrick, Secretary
Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Guests: Jean Boyles
Monica Perry
Funeral Consumer Alliance of Idaho

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.

Jeff Blackmer moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2001 and September 6, 2001 with corrections made. Laine Eckersell seconded, motion carried.

John Kersey presented the investigative report to the Board showing four complaints for this year and two open and under investigation from 1999,

Discussion was held on the use of crematory facilities for cremating objects other than human remains. It was the Board's consensus is that such practice was acceptable as long as the retort is properly maintained.

Inspections of Funeral Establishments may be delayed if the Funeral Establishment is busy when the inspectors arrive.

Roger Hales discussed the Board's letter concerning morticians on duty in facilities. The Board may want to define "availability" of morticians. The old policy defined "available" as being onsite within 30 minutes of a call.

Discussion was held on satellite operations and the possible adoption of rules for satellites. Such rules must comply with FTC rules and focus on protecting the public.

The Board recommended that the Idaho Funeral Association be asked for input before a policy is made and any legislation is drafted for statute and rule changes.

Jeff Blackmer moved to have the Bureau proceed with changes in 54-1111.4 by striking "at its location on a full time basis". Laine Eckersell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Laine Eckersell moved to direct Roger Hales to draft a letter to all licensees explaining the policy for morticians on duty. Jeff Blackmer seconded, and the motion carried.

Steve Gordon agreed to draft a letter asking licensees for input regarding satellite operations.

Discussion was held on separate licenses for Funeral Directors & Embalmers.

Budd Hetrick reported that the financial report will be sent by mail when it is complete. Mr. Hetrick presented the contract between the Bureau and the Board for review. The contract shows a slight decrease from last year.

Jeff Blackmer moved to accept the contract as presented and authorized Chairman Gordon to sign the contract. Laine Eckersell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RENEWALS

Mr. Hetrick asked the Board to approve proposed legislation to change the renewal date from June 30 to the applicant’s birth date or original date of licensure. This would spread the workload and revenue collection over the entire year. The Board by consensus approved this change.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board business file was cleared with no action taken.

Jeff Blackmer moved to send Steve Gordon to the Conference Convention on April 6-7, 2002 and pay for the airfare, three nights lodging, meals and the registration. Laine Eckersell seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on giving the examination more than twice a year. The Board decided to continue offering the exam twice a year for those coming out of school. Reciprocity applicants may be tested by appointment once they have been approved by the Board.

EXAMINATION

Four applicants were approved to examine on March 19th, pending receipt of all required materials due by March 1, 2002.

The Board recessed at 3:55p.m. to reconvene at 9:30a.m. on January 16, 2002.

January 16, 2002

- ROLL CALL:

Steve Gordon, Chairman
Laine Eckersell
Jeffrey Blackmer
- ALSO PRESENT:

Budd Hetrick, Deputy Bureau Chief
Janice Wiedrick, Secretary
Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:30a.m.

REVIEW OF FILES

Applicant files were reviewed by the Board. Four applicants will to be sent letters of intent to pursue licensure, and four applicants will be sent letters of clarification.

The Board discussed the wall certificates for Mortician Resident Trainee and decided that wall certificates for Mortician Resident Trainees are not necessary and no more would be ordered.

TERMINATION OF FILES

The following files are to be terminated for lack of activity:

MOR 030598 MEO and MOR 102899 TMB.

The Board visited Nampa Funeral Home and the meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.

Licenses issued:

Steve Hammond	M-868	3-19-02
James Fitzhugh, Jr.	M-870	3-19-02
Barbara Conner	M-871	3-19-02